

Utility News

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Payment Options Made Easy!

Budget billing, bank drafting, online payment, over the phone, credit card payment and drop box locations are all made available to you through Gardner's Utility Billing.

Online Payments - The City of Gardner offers a convenient and quick way to access account history and pay your utility bill online on your schedule, day or night. Customers can obtain billing information by registering their utility account number and using their PIN, a Personal Identification Number they receive from the Finance Department. The City's web page walks you through registration. Registration is only for customers who want access to their account over the computer. This service is free of charge. Visit the City's website for more information about this service at:

www.gardnerkansas.gov/go/online_payments.php

Budget Billing - For your payment convenience, the City of Gardner is now offering a "Budget Billing" program to its "Residential" class customers. Budget billing allows you to pay the same amount every month on your utility bill. The amount is calculated as an average of the previous twelve monthly bills. Budget billing reduces the fluctuations in payments between high and low usage months.

Credit Card Payment - The City currently accept MasterCard and Visa.

Over the Phone Payments - The City will accept payments made over the phone using your credit card at 913-856-7535 during regular business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Payment Drop Boxes - The City has also arranged for drop off payments at the following locations:

- City Hall — 120 E Main St (East side of building)
- Sprint—435 East Main Street
- Conestoga Mobile Home Park—1199 East Santa Fe (near clubhouse)
- Price Chopper—830 East Main Street (inside by Customer Service Counter)
- First Kansas Bank—109 East Main Street (located next to automatic teller machine)

Waterline Replacement Program for 2008 Kicks Off

The City of Gardner will be replacing a waterline along Main Street between Center and Poplar in 2008. Design work for this project is underway along with design to replace lines on Moonlight Road between 167th Street and 159th Street.

Kill Creek Water Tower Update

The Kill Creek Water Tower will be painted in June. At the same time water will start flowing into the structure, which is anticipated to be fully functional by the first part of August.



Water Conservation Assistance Needing

Just a reminder with summer blazing down, the City of Gardner is asking for your assistance in an effort to balance out water production.

This plan asks that even numbered houses water on even days and odd numbered houses water on odd numbered days. This has been very successful in stabilizing peak water consumption and reducing demand on the system. It also helps conserve water in Hillsdale Lake, should we have a hot and dry summer.





Did you know that Hillsdale and Gardner City Lakes are classified as high-priority impaired water bodies by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment?

This is partly because of non-point source pollution of excessive nutrients to the lakes. For more information, visit www.kdheks.gov/tmdl

**Johnson County
Stormwater Management**

What is non-point source pollution?

Non-point source pollution is caused by rainfall or snowmelt moving over (runoff) and through the ground. As runoff moves, it picks up natural and human-made pollutants and deposits them into our lakes, streams, rivers and wetlands, causing impaired water quality in the water bodies we use for fishing, swimming and source of drinking water.



All plants need nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen to grow. However, large nutrient concentrations can cause excessive algal growth to occur in lakes, which is harmful to fish and may cause taste and odor problems in drinking water. Nutrients also are present in animal and human waste.

How can you help? - Non-point source pollution generated in the City of Gardner can end up either in Gardner or Hillsdale Lake.

Use fertilizer wisely - To help reduce nutrient contributions to the lakes, test your soil to learn what nutrients your lawn needs, never fertilize before a rainfall and always use fertilizer according to directions.



Clean up pet waste - Bag pet waste during walks, pick up after your pets in the yard and throw waste into the trash - do not compost it!

Maintain private septic systems - Inspect your septic system yearly and have it pumped out at least once every three years.

**For more information about water quality in Johnson County, visit
<http://stormwater.jocogov.org> or call (913) 715-8333**



**4th of July Tailgate Party* Sponsored by
The Sesquicentennial
Committee!**



6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the
Gardner Edgerton High School Parking Lot
Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, soft drinks and Logo
Memorabilia will be sold.



Join your friends and neighbors in celebration of
this great patriotic holiday!



**All proceeds go toward Gardner's
Sesquicentennial Celebration and the Festival on the Trails*